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B. LYNN WINMILL TAKES OVER AS CHIEF JUDGE OF THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT

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On July 1, 1999, B. Lynn Winmill became the Chief Judge of the United States District Court, succeeding District Judge Edward Lodge, who served in that position for 7 years.

Judge Winmill was nominated to the United States Senate on May 24, 1995, and confirmed on August 11, 1995. He was appointed a United States District Judge for the District of Idaho by President William J. Clinton on August 14, 1995, and entered on duty on August 16, 1995.

He graduated from Idaho State University in 1974 and from Harvard Law School in 1977. He was a member of the Denver law firm of Holland and Hart for two years before moving to Idaho in 1979 to practice law with Donald L. Burnett, Jr., now the Dean of the University of Louisville Law School. When Dean Burnett was appointed to the Idaho Court of Appeals in 1981, Judge Winmill continued to practice law in Pocatello with the firms of Manning, Holmes & Winmill and Hawley, Troxell, Ennis & Hawley.

Judge Winmill was appointed by Governor Cecil Andrus to be a district judge for the Sixth Judicial District of the State of Idaho in 1987. He served for eight years on that court, acting as Administrative Judge of the Sixth Judicial District between 1994-1995.

Judge Winmill was an adjunct professor at Idaho State University from 1991 to 1995, teaching courses in criminal procedure and legal history. He is a member of the Idaho State Bar Association, the Sixth District Bar Association, and the Colorado Bar

Association. He was formerly a member of the Idaho District Judge's Association and served as Chairman of the Idaho Evidence Rules Advisory Committee from 1992 to 1995.

Judge Winmill is currently serving on the Ninth Circuit Article III Judges Education Committee.

Judge Winmill is married to the former Judy Jones. They have four children: Kristen, Jeffery, Caitlin, and Carley.